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Press clippings

The enclosed clippings will help bring you up to date on developments regarding East Timor in Australia and in the USA. I also enclose the report of UN Secretary-General on his consultations.

Murdani in Dili

On 27 July, Murdani held a ceremony in Dili, expressing condolences to the widows of Indonesian soldiers killed during the war in East Timor. Many widows were brought to Dili and Baucau for the occasion, when Murdani declared that the graves of troops killed in action would be kept in East Timor as 'a monument to their sacrifice'.

He used the occasion, according to the Armed Forces newspaper, Angkatan Bersenjata (28 July) to declare that the Indonesian army had brought a successful end to the unrest in East Timor. At the same time, however, according to the news agency, Antara Murdani has recently estimated that 'only a few hundred' guerrilla fighters are still holding out against the Indonesian Army.

He is quoted by Sinar Harapan (28 July) as saying that "security has been restored in this territory, and we have been able to paralyse the threat to the foundations of the Indonesian people".

The team of generals who accompanied him on this visit to Dili, which was his second visit in a month (see TAPOL Bulletin No. 64) included the very top brass:

> Deputy Army Chief-of-Staff Ltgen Bambang Triantoro, Assistant for Social/Political Affairs of the Armed Forces, Ltgen Gunawan Wibisono, Commander of the IInd Territorial Command, Ltgen Yogi Memet. Intelligence Assistant on the general staff of the Armed Forces, Mayor-General Sutaryo, Logistics Assistant of the General Staff of the Armed Forces, Major-General Dading Kalbuadi, Commander of the Army Strategic Reserves, Major-General Soeweno, Commander of the Marines, Briggeneral Muntaram, Commander of Kopassandha (para commando corps), Briggeneral Wismoyo, Commander of the Rapid Strike Force (Air Force), Vice-Marshal Siagian.

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